Inam villages brought within the purview of the Zamindari Abolition Act.

5 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of inam villages in each district of the Province which have been brought within the purview of the Zamindari Abolition Act;

(*b*) the number of such inam villages in each district of the Province which are religious or charitable endowments;

(*c*) how many of such inam villages are Muslim religious or charitable endowments with details thereof in respect of each district ;

(*d*) to what extent the income from each of these religious or charitable endowments will be diminished by the legislation and the total of such amount for each district; and

(*e*) whether any contribution has been proposed to be levied on the tenants in occupation?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section 1 (3) of the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948. Of the inam villages which are estates governed by the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908, the Abolition Act applies only to those which are inam estates within the meaning of section 2 (7) of that Act. Under section 9 of the Act, Settlement Officers appointed under the Act have to determine which of the inam villages in the Province are inam estates. The Settlement Officers have not yet completed their enquiries in this regard. It is not therefore possible now to give the number of inam villages in each district to which the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948, applies.

(*b*) *to* (*d*) For the reasons given in the answer to clause (*a*), it is not possible to give the information required in these clauses also.

(*e*) No.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION ON THE IMPENDING PARTITION OF THE PROVINCE.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I have to inform the House that a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House has been just handed over to me by the Leader of the Opposition. It is as under :

' I propose to make a motion for an adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely—

" the impending partition of the province and the action of the Government thereon ".'

May I know if the Government wish to say anything about the matter?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The whole question to be considered is whether it is a matter of urgent public importance and whether it could not wait till we find a more convenient time. We have got important legislative measures to be got through . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I know. But the thing is whether it could be discussed at all now in the present stage of the process of partition."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The thing has not taken any definite shape and it is only a recommendation of the Working Committee and till that is decided by the Government, there is no use of our discussing it now."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I was informed that the Government are willing to accept the motion."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I never expected it to come immediately."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I am not quite satisfied how there can be any adjournment motion on this, which is generally in the nature of a censure of the Government on their failure to consult the House or any other thing that they might have done. I do not consider that it can form the subject of an adjournment motion. What the Government should do in this connexion and other matters relating to partition may form the subject matter of a resolution which will be taken up on any non-official day. But I am unable to see how there can be any motion for adjournment on this question."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That is a matter which has been discussed by the House and the Working Committee has taken up the matter and they have made their recommendations to the Government of India."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" You are aware that the House passed a resolution recommending the separation of the Andhra Province and if pursuant to it, steps had been taken by the Government, the house cannot complain. If on the other hand, the Legislature had not been consulted, you can have reasonable cause for complaint and raise it by way of an adjournment motion and tell the Government that they have not done the proper thing. If in pursuance of the recommendations of the Working Committee, the Government of India asks this Government as regards their views and the Government give their views without consulting you, it may be proper to raise a debate by means of a motion for adjournment. The time is not ripe and nothing could be discussed except partition which is a thing already agreed to.

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" This House, Sir, must have an opportunity of discussing this question; it is of great importance not only

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to this Province but to this very House. When the partition takes place, the position of this House and of the other House will be affected and we should be able to express an opinion."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I do not know if the Government have got anything to do with it nor have they said what they are going to do. The only thing that we saw in the newspapers was that the Cabinet also recommended the formation of the Andhra Province. Did the Government go into details? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir, we did not go into details."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" If something definite takes shape when the House is in session, I hope the Government will agree that the House should have a discussion on it."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" But we cannot do it at the moment, Sir. The time will be when the Government of India refer the matter to us when the matter could be discussed by both the Houses of Legislature and their opinion obtained. That stage has not yet come. We should wait for some instructions from the Government of India about this matter. To discuss this matter now is inopportune and too early and it will not help."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I would suggest to the Leader of the Opposition that if he has got any definite suggestion to make to the Government before they take further steps, he may raise it by way of a resolution on the 23rd which is a non-official day. If he has got any definite suggestion to make to the Government regarding the position of members of this House, he may do so then."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I will do that, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I submit, Sir, that this House should be given an opportunity of expressing its views to the Government before they submit their views to the Government of India relating to the partition."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Supposing the House is not sitting? "

* SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, you said that it could be raised by means of a resolution. But I wish to point out, Sir, that the resolutions for the next non-official day have been balloted and there could be no ballot again. The balloted resolutions have been circulated to members only this morning and so, Sir, this resolution can by no means find a place for the next non-official day. I would be satisfied if the Government give us an undertaking that they would consult this House before they submit their proposals in reply to such communication as they receive from the Government of India. If the House is in session, there will be no difficulty and even if it is not, a session should be held."

* THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not my desire to shut this House out from discussing the matter, in fact, we want to take the House with us in any decision at which we arrive. We

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want the support of this House and it is our desire to take the views of both the Houses of Legislature. We are going to meet in December and from now to December, there is plenty of time for a communication or direction from the Government of India asking us for our opinion. The Working Committee has made its report to the Government of India and it is not in the nature of a direction to us. I can give this assurance to the House that we shall certainly consult the House when the matter is ripe enough for discussion."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" My only anxiety is that before any definite decision is taken by the Government, this House should have an opportunity of expressing its views."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" They must make some proposals and put them up before the House for its discussion."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Before they finally make up their mind on any proposal, let us have an opportunity to discuss the proposals so that we may express our views."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I should think they must be forwarding to us some proposals so that we put them up before the House and take its opinion; what is the use of a discussion without any proposals being placed before it? "

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" If that is done, I shall be satisfied."

The motion was not therefore moved.

III.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

11-45 a.m. MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House the following message received from the Hon. Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly, dated 15th November 1949 :—

'I am to inform you that the report of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1948), was presented to the Legislative Assembly on the 15th November 1949, but the Bill was not further proceeded with as the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1946, to which it relates ceased to be in force since 1st October 1948'."

IV.—(1) ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCI TO THE SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that Sri S. B. Adityan, M.L.C., is the only candidate duly nominated for a seat in the Advisory Committee of the South Indian Railway. I hereby declare him duly elected."

(2) ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the House Committee :—

(1) Dr. Syed Tajuddin.

(2) Sri H. M. Jagannatham.

(3) Dr. P. S. Srinivasan.